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1. SUMMARY. US PROPOSAL MET WITH HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE. COMMITTEE APPROVED WORK IN 1973 ALONG LINES OF SECRETARIAT PAPER AND PREPARATORY GROUP REFINED OUTLINE OF NATIONAL REPORTS IN WAY ACCEPTABLE TO US.. HOWEVER, THE PREPCOMM (TEN COUNTRIES INCLUDING US) WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON WHICH SIX COUNTRIES WOULD RECEIVE INVITATION TO MEETING IN US. SECRETARIAT AND US AGREED TO CONSULT FURTHER TO SEEK SOLUTION. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT, IN LIGHT OF UNPRECEDENTED ENTHUSIASM OF MSAC MEMBERS FOR US INITIATIVE, CONSIDER EXPANDING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NATIONAL EXPERTS FROM SIX TO NINE (IN ADDITION TO US). END SUMMARY.

2. RESPONSE OF MSAC MEMBERS WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AGREEMENT THAT PROJECT SHOULD START IN 1973 ALONG LINES OF SECRETARIAT PAPER. PREPCOMM REACHED AGREEMENT ON GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL REPORT (O' NEILL AND CARPENTER HAND CARRYING DRAFT COPIES TO WASHINGTON; MISSION WILL POUCH FINAL TEXT WHEN AVAILABLE. PREPCOMM SET JULY 1 AS DUE DATE FOR NATIONAL REPORTS. AS REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL REPORT BECAME CLEARER, PREPCOMM DWINDLED FROM 12 TO 10 BUT COULD NOT AGREE ON WHICH SIX COUNTRIES (IN ADDITION TO US) WOULD BE INVITED TO US MEETING. SECRETARIT (REHN) SAID IT COULD NOT EXCLUDE INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES UNLESS FORMAT CHANGED TO THAT OF EXAMINATION OF US. AMONG POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO IMPASSE WAS SUGGESTION VENUE OF MEETING BE SHIFTED TO PARIS. REHN PROPOSED INTERESTED MEMBERS GO AHEAD WITH PREPARATION OF NATIONAL REPORTS WHILE US AND SECRETARIAT CONSULTED ON QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN NOVEMBER MEETING. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THIS PROCEDURE. US DEL SAID HE WOULD REPORT DEVELOPMENTS BACK TO WASHINGTON.

3. PREPCOMM MEMBERS, I. E., COUNTRIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN US MEETING, ARE: US, SWEDEN, JAPAN, ITALY, FRANCE, FINLAND, DENMARK, CANADA, BELGIUM AND AUSTRALIA. MISSION OF COURSE WILL EXPLORE ALL POSSIBILITIES OF REDUCING THIS NUMBER, BUT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE PREPCOMM MEMBERS ARE EAGER AND APPEAR (WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION AUSTRALIA) ABLE TO PROVIDE STATISTICAL DATA AND ANALYTICAL INPUT FOR US MEETING. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THE TEN HAVE THE VAREITY WHICH WILL PROVIDE PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE AT MEETING. BROWN UNCLASSIFIED

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